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Claim 1 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

at least one display device;

at least one input device;

a spherical award indicator including a plurality of first award symbols and a plurality of second award symbols, a plurality of first awards associated with said first award symbols and a plurality of second awards associated with said second award symbols, wherein:

(i) a plurality of first activatable symbol indicators are associated with the first award symbols,

(ii) a plurality of second activatable symbol indicators are associated with the second award symbols, and

(iii) at least one of:

(A) the first and second symbol indicators are movable relative to the spherical award indicator, and

(B) the spherical award indicator is movable relative to the first and second symbol indicators;

at least one processor; and

at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions which, when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device, and the at least one input device, and the spherical award indicator to:

~~(a) display an award indicator including a plurality of first award symbols and a plurality of second award symbols, a plurality of first awards associated with said first award symbols and a plurality of second awards associated with said second award symbols, wherein~~

~~(i) a plurality of first activatable symbol indicators are associated with the first award symbols,~~

~~(ii) a plurality of second activatable symbol indicators are associated with the second award symbols, and~~

~~(iii) the first and second symbol indicators are movable relative to the award indicator,~~

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(b)(a) enable a player to pick one of the first symbol indicators to activate said picked first symbol indicator,

(e)(b) enable the player to pick one of the second symbol indicators to activate said picked second symbol indicator,

(d)(c) cause said activated first symbol indicator to indicate one of the first award symbols on the spherical award indicator,

(e)(d) cause said activated second symbol indicator to indicate one of the second award symbols on the spherical award indicator, and

(f)(e) ~~provide display a total award, which is determined to a player based on the first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols, and~~

(f) provide the total award to the player.

Claim 2 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the first award symbols and the second award symbols are related.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 2, wherein the first award symbols and the second award symbols are related by their positions on the spherical award indicator.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 2, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the spherical award indicator so that the average expected award is approximately the same.

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Claim 5 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 2, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the spherical award indicator so that the average expected award is different in each indication of the first and second award symbols.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 2, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the spherical award indicator so that the average expected award is different in a plurality of the indications of the first and second award symbols.

Claim 7 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the first awards and the second awards are the same.

Claim 8 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein a plurality of the first awards and the second awards are the same.

Claim 9 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein all of the first awards and the second awards are different.

Claim 10 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second awards includes a modifier.

Claim 11 (original): The gaming device of Claim 10, wherein the modifier includes a multiplier.

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Claim 12 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the total award is a sum of the first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the total award is a product of the first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.

Claim 14 to 18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the first award symbols and the second award symbols include at least one bonus symbol.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein at least one free activation of the spherical award indicator is associated with the bonus symbol.

Claim 21 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a selection display having a plurality of player selectable first inputs and a plurality of player selectable second inputs, wherein the first inputs correspond to the first symbol indicators and the second inputs correspond to the second symbol indicators.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein at least two of the symbol indicators associated with the first award symbols have a same average expected value.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein at least two of the symbol indicators associated with the second award symbols have a same average expected value.

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Claim 24 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein all of the symbol indicators associated with the first award symbols have a same average expected value.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 24, wherein all of the symbol indicators associated with the second award symbols have a same average expected value.

Claim 26 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein each first award has a probability of being associated with each first symbol indicator.

Claim 27 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein each second award has a probability of being associated with each second symbol indicator.

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Claim 28 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

at least one display device;

at least one input device;

a plurality of spherical award indicators including a plurality of first award symbols and a plurality of second award symbols, said first award symbols associated with a plurality of first awards and said second award symbols associated with a plurality of second awards, wherein:

(i) a plurality of first activatable symbol indicators are positioned adjacent to the first award symbols,

(ii) a plurality of second activatable symbol indicators are positioned adjacent to the second award symbols, and

(iii) at least one of:

(A) the first and second symbol indicators are movable relative to the spherical award indicators, and

(B) the spherical award indicators are movable relative to the first and second symbol indicators;

at least one processor; and

at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions which, when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device, ~~and the at least one input device, and the plurality of spherical award indicators to:~~

~~(a) display a plurality of award indicators including a plurality of first award symbols and a plurality of second award symbols, said first award symbols associated with a plurality of first awards and said second award symbols associated with a plurality of second awards, wherein:~~

~~(i) a plurality of first activatable symbol indicators are positioned adjacent to the first award symbols of said award indicators,~~

~~(ii) a plurality of second activatable symbol indicators are positioned adjacent to the second award symbols of said award indicators, and~~

~~(iii) the first and second symbol indicators are movable relative to the award indicator,~~

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(b)(a) enable a player to select at least one of the first symbol indicators to activate said picked first symbol indicator,

(e)(b) enable the player to select at least one of the second symbol indicators to activate said picked second symbol indicator,

(d)(c) cause any each of the activated first symbol indicators to indicate one of the first award symbols,

(e)(d) cause any each of the activated second symbol indicators to indicate one of the second award symbols, and

(f)(e) provide display a total award, which is determined to a player based on the first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols, and

(f) provide the total award to the player.

Claim 29 (original): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein at least one of the first awards and the second awards are the same.

Claim 30 (original): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein a plurality of the first awards and the second awards are the same.

Claim 31 (original): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein all of the first awards and the second awards are different.

Claim 32 (original): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein at least one of the first and second awards includes a modifier.

Claim 33 (original): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the modifier includes a multiplier.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the total award is a sum of the first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.

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Claim 35 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the total award is a product of the indicated first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.

Claim 36 to 37(canceled).

Claim 38 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 28, which includes a touch screen, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to enable a player to utilize the touch screen to select one of the first symbol indicators and one of the second symbol indicators associated with at least one of the spherical award indicators.

Claim 39 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 28, which includes a touch screen, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to enable a player to utilize the touch screen to select one of the spherical award indicators.

Claim 40 (original): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the first award symbols or the second award symbols include at least one bonus symbol.

Claim 41 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the bonus symbol is associated with at least one free activation of the at least one of the spherical award indicator-indicators ~~is associated with the bonus symbol.~~

Claim 42 (canceled).

Claim 43 (original): The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the first and second award symbols are positionally related.

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Claim 44 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 43, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the spherical award indicator ~~indicator~~ indicators so that the average expected award is approximately the same.

Claim 45 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 43, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the spherical award indicator ~~indicator~~ indicators so that the average expected award is different in each indication of the first and second award symbols.

Claim 46 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 43, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the spherical award indicator ~~indicator~~ indicators so that the average expected award is different in a plurality of the indications of the first and second award symbols.

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Claim 47 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

at least one display device;

at least one input device;

at least one spherical award indicator including a plurality of first award symbols and a plurality of second award symbols, wherein:(i) a plurality of first awards are associated with said first award symbols,(ii) a plurality of second awards are associated with said second award symbols,(iii) a plurality of first activatable symbol indicators are positioned adjacent to the first award symbols,(iv) a plurality of second activatable symbol indicators are positioned adjacent to the second award symbols, and(iv) at least one of:(A) the first and second symbol indicators are movable relative to the at least one spherical award indicator, and(B) the at least one spherical award indicator is moveable relative to the first and second symbol indicators;

at least one processor; and

at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions which, when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device, and the at least one input device, and the at least one spherical award indicator to:(a) display an award indicator including a plurality of first award symbols and a plurality of second award symbols, wherein:(i) a plurality of first awards are associated with said first award symbols,(ii) a plurality of second awards are associated with said second award symbols,(iii) a plurality of first activatable symbol indicators are positioned adjacent to the first award symbols;

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~~(iv) a plurality of second-activatable symbol indicators are positioned adjacent to the second award symbols, and~~

~~(v) the first and second symbol indicators are movable relative to the award indicator;~~

~~(b)(a)~~ enable a player to pick at least one of the first symbol indicators to activate said picked first symbol indicators,

~~(e)(b)~~ enable the player to pick at least one of the second symbol indicators to activate said picked second symbol indicators,

~~(d)(c)~~ cause said each of the activated first symbol indicators to indicate one of the a-plurality of the first award symbols on the award indicator,

~~(e)(d)~~ cause said each of the activated second symbol indicators to indicate a one of the plurality of the second award symbols on the award indicator, and

~~(f)(e)~~ provide display a total award, which is determined to the player based on the first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols on the award indicator, and

(f) provide the total award to the player.

Claim 48 (original): The gaming device of Claim 47, wherein at least one of the first and second awards includes a modifier.

Claim 49 (original): The gaming device of Claim 48, wherein the modifier includes a multiplier.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 47, wherein the total award is a sum of the first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.

Claim 51 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 47, wherein the total award is a product of the indicated first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.

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Claim 52 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 47 wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device to display a which includes a plurality of spherical award indicators including a plurality of first award symbols and a plurality of second award symbols.

Claim 53 (original): The gaming device of Claim 47, wherein the first and second award symbols are related.

Claim 54 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 53, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the at least one spherical award indicator so that the average expected award is approximately the same.

Claim 55 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 53, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the at least one spherical award indicator so that the average expected award is different in each indication of the first and second award symbols.

Claim 56 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 53, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the at least one spherical award indicator so that the average expected award is different in a plurality of the indications of the first and second award symbols.

Claims 57 to 102 (canceled).

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Claim 103 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

at least one display device;

at least one input device;

a plurality of spherical award indicators, each of said spherical award indicators including a plurality of first award symbols and a plurality of second award symbols, wherein a plurality of first awards are associated with said first award symbols and a plurality of second awards are associated with said second award symbols, and wherein:

(i) a plurality of first activatable symbol indicators are positioned adjacent to the first award symbols,

(ii) a plurality of second activatable symbol indicators are positioned adjacent to the second award symbols, and

(iii) at least one of:

(A) the first and second activatable symbol indicators are movable relative to the spherical award indicators, and

(B) the spherical award indicators are movable relative to the first and second activatable symbol indicators;

at least one processor; and

at least one memory device which stores a plurality of instructions which, when executed by the at least one processor, cause the at least one processor to operate with the at least one display device, and the at least one input device, and the plurality of spherical indicators to:

~~(a) display a plurality of award indicators including a plurality of first award symbols and a plurality of second award symbols, wherein a plurality of first awards are associated with said first award symbols for at least one of said award indicators and a plurality of second awards associated with said second award symbols for at least one of said award indicators, and wherein:~~

~~(i) a plurality of first activatable symbol indicators are positioned adjacent to the first award symbols of each of said award indicators,~~

~~(ii) a plurality of second activatable symbol indicators are positioned adjacent to the second award symbols of each of said award indicators, and~~

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~~(iii) — the first and second activatable symbol indicators are movable relative to the award indicator.;~~

~~(b)(a)~~ enable a player to pick at least one of the first symbol indicators associated with at least one of said spherical award indicators to activate said picked first symbol indicator,

~~(e)(b)~~ enable the player to pick at least one of the second symbol indicators associated with at least one of said spherical award indicators to activate said picked second symbol indicator,

~~(d)(c)~~ cause ~~any each of the~~ activated first symbol indicators to indicate the one of the first award symbols,

~~(e)(d)~~ cause ~~any each of the~~ activated second symbol indicators to indicate the one of the second award symbols, and

~~(f)(e)~~ provide display a total award, which is determined to a player, wherein said total award is based on the a product of the indicated first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols, and

(f) provide the total award to the player.

Claims 104 to 124 (canceled).

Claim 125 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 28, which includes a selection display having a plurality of player selectable first inputs and a plurality of player selectable second inputs, wherein the first inputs correspond to the first symbol indicators and the second inputs correspond to the second symbol indicators.